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SUBJ: CHIEF MATANZIMA PRESSING FOR EARLY INDEPENDENCE
FOR TRANSKEI

REF: DURBAN 106, 87

1. IN SERIES OF RECENT PUBLIC STATEMENTS, INCLUDING ONE
BROADCAST OVER BBC, CHIEF MINISTER MATANZIMA HAS REITERATED
HIS CONVICTION THAT TRANSKEI WILL BE FULLY INDEPENDENT BY
1976. STATEMENTS FOLLOW MEETINGS BETWEEN TRANSKEI
MINISTERS HEADED BY MATANZIMA AND SAG MINISTERS HEADED
BY PRIME MINISTER VORSTER IN PRETORIA IN MAY (PRETORIA 2103)
AND AGAIN IN CAPE TOWN LAST WEEK. ALSO FOLLOW COMPLETION
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DELIBERATIONS SPECIAL COMMITTEE APPOINTED BY MATANZIMA AFTER TRANSKEI ASSEMBLY'S APPROVAL INDEPENDENCE RESOLUTION LAST MARCH (DURBAN 87). FINDINGS HAVE BEEN SUBMITTED TO PRETORIA FOR CONSIDERATION BY EXPERTS NOW DRAFTING AN INDEPENDENCE CONSTITUTION FOR TRANSKEI.

2. IN HIS STATEMENTS MATANZIMA HAS INDICATED HE HURRYING TO GET INDEPENDENCE "AS SOON AS I POSSIBLY CAN". HE FURTHER INDICATED THAT TRANSKEI WOULD HAVE ITS OWN "ARMY, RADIO AND DIPLOMATIC CORPS" BUT WOULD CONTINUE TO RECEIVE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FROM SOUTH AFRICA. HE LEFT FOR FUTURE INDEPENDENT GOVERNMENT DECISION ON WHETHER TRANSKEI WOULD SOLICIT ASSISTANCE FROM OTHER COUNTRIES, WHETHER IT WOULD FOLLOW A MULTI-RACIAL POLICY AND WHETHER IT WOULD SEEK TO JOIN OAU.

3. COMMENT: CLEAR THAT DESPITE AS YET UNSETTLED TERRITORIAL CLAIMS, BOTH SAG AND TRANSKEI GOVT ARE PRESSING FOR RAPID MOVEMENT TO INDEPENDENCE. INFORMED OBSERVERS ARE INCREASINGLY POINTING TO OCTOBER 24, 1976, UNITED NATIONS DAY, AS POSSIBLE DATE FOR TRANSKEI INDEPENDENCE.
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